

it. He said, "You cannot multiply wealth by dividing it. You cannot legislate the poor into prosperity by legislating the wealthy out of prosperity. What one person receives without working for, another person must work for without receiving. The government cannot give to anybody anything the government does not first take from somebody else. When half of the people get the idea that they do not have to work because the other half is going to take care of them, then the other half gets the idea it does no good to work because somebody else is going to get what they work for. And that is the beginning of the end of any Nation."

Madam Speaker, we are in a time when the government does too much for us and too much to us in the name of taking care of all of us.

And that's just the way it is.

#### FLAWED PLAN TO PASS HEALTH CARE

(Mr. MORAN of Kansas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. MORAN of Kansas. In an effort to pass health care reform, Democrat leadership is considering a procedural tactic known as the "Slaughter solution" that will allow the passage of the Senate health care bill without an actual vote. Skirting a direct vote on a trillion-dollar plan that would increase health care spending, cut Medicare by nearly \$500 billion, and increase taxes by over \$500 billion is outrageous.

And I'm not surprised that the House Democrats don't want their name attached to this Senate bill, which was pieced together through shameless vote peddling and secret backroom deals like the "Cornhusker Kickback" and the "Louisiana Purchase." I'm not surprised that the Democratic leaders want to avoid a direct vote on a partisan measure that infuriated Americans and led to a stunning electoral upset in Massachusetts. I'm not surprised that Democrat leaders don't want their names linked to legislation that fails to reduce costs and adds to increasing deficit.

House Democrats have no problem imposing a flawed plan on the American people, but they are taking every opportunity to distance themselves from the passage of this package.

#### CONGRATULATING LASALLE COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL AND STATE COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, it was late in December 2009 when two high school football teams met on a snow-covered field in Hersheypark Stadium. They were there to determine who would walk away as the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association AAAA champions. It

was LaSalle College High School versus State College High School. LaSalle won 24-7. Touchdowns were made by Sam Feleccia, Jamal Abdur-Rahman, and Tim Wade. Going into the game, LaSalle had a winning record of 13 wins and only one loss. Feleccia's 55-yard run pushed the Explorers ahead 24-0 with 4 minutes left in the quarter, sealing the victory for the Catholic school in front of more than 3,000 LaSalle fans.

The LaSalle Explorers became the first-ever Philadelphia city team to win a PIAA football title. They went on to the honor of having six of their team players selected for the Pennsylvania sports writers' all-State football teams. LaSalle's coach, Drew Gordon, was selected as the Coach of the Year. Runner-up State College had three players chosen for All-State.

I want to extend my sincere congratulations to LaSalle College High School for their outstanding victory and the State College Little Lions for an outstanding season.

#### SUPPORT ISRAEL

(Mr. BURTON of Indiana asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, one of our best friends in the Middle East, if not the best friend, is Israel. Israel has been criticized by our State Department last week because they were going to build some additional housing in Jerusalem. They have accepted the premise that they shouldn't right now be building housing outside Jerusalem. They have a moratorium on that. I think that was worked out with our government.

But as far as building in Jerusalem is concerned, they have always built in Jerusalem, and they have allowed Christians and Muslims and other groups to build in Jerusalem. So I can't understand why the Secretary of State criticized Israel and Benjamin Netanyahu, the Prime Minister, for allowing the construction of new housing in Jerusalem, because it's always been done and there's never been a prohibition against it.

At a time when we should be worrying about what is going on in Iran, a nuclear development program that threatens the entire Middle East and energy supplies that we need in this country to keep our economy going, we certainly should not be criticizing our best friend, Israel. Israel is a best friend. They stuck with us through thick and thin, and we should support them in every way possible.

#### CANCER CLUSTER

(Mr. ROONEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. ROONEY. Madam Speaker, today I had the opportunity to meet with a group of residents from an area of

Palm Beach called "The Acreage." Recently, a pediatric cancer cluster was confirmed in the Acreage, yet the cause is still unknown. In today's meeting, I spoke with mothers who have had children with brain tumors, along with other residents of the affected area. I was inspired by their optimism and dedication to this cause. They are not seeking to play the "blame game." They are simply looking for answers. At the same time, I heard their frustration with the overall Federal Government involvement—or lack thereof.

While the State and local health departments have been active in investigating and confirming the cluster at the local level, there are limits to what they can do and experiences they can draw on. And so today I call on the Federal involvement to improve. Action is needed now by the CDC and other agencies so they can lend their expertise and knowledge from other investigations to assist as we move forward. This is not a political or partisan issue. It's about finding answers to what caused the cancer cluster so my constituents can get on with their lives.

#### THE WEEK FOR HEALTH CARE

(Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas. Madam Speaker, this is the week—the week—that we will have an opportunity to provide expanded coverage for Americans. I hope this will be the week of truth and not for misrepresentations that have been carried forward. I hope that those who are uninsured will understand now that 31 million will have insurance; that Medicare care will be protected and in actuality expanded by the basic benefits plan; that Medicaid will be reimbursed in all 50 States. There will be no fixes for 100 percent, and then, going forward, 95 percent, and then 90 percent to protect those who are impoverished; we will have a system of a pool of insurance companies to thwart the one-insurance-company per State. You will be able to shop for the best plan. If you have your insurance, you'll be able to keep it. If you're a small business, you'll have subsidies. As well, yes, we require companies to carry insurance. But I believe this is "the week." It is a good week for America to vote for real health care reform.

#### HEALTH CARE TAKEOVER THIS WEEK

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, this weekend I attended several community events throughout the Second District, and the message I received was clear: scrap